1 XAIF Schema Overview

In this section we present the syntax of the XAIF in more detail. Figure 1 shows the UML [1] model for the XAIF schema, using the approach described in [2, 3]. Because of space considerations, the model does not contain some elements or relationships. For a full version of the current schema draft, refer to www.mcs.anl.gov/xaif.

The XAIF representation consists of a series of nested graphs. All graph elements are of type GraphType, whose definition is similar to the XG-MML notion of a graph [4]. All elements of GraphType contain at least one element of VertexType and zero or more elements of EdgeType. All elements of VertexType have identifiers that are unique within the parent graph element. Edges have unique identifiers, as well as key references to source and target vertices. For clarity, some relationships have been omitted. In general, if a UML class name ends with "Graph", the corresponding schema type inherits from GraphType. Similarly, types with names ending with "Vertex" or "Edge" extend VertexType and EdgeType, respectively. We have shown the complete details for the graph-vertex-edge relationships for the CallGraph elements.

At the highest level, the program is represented by a CallGraph element, whose children are vertices corresponding to subroutines and edges signifying subroutine calls.

CallGraph, ControlFlowGraph, BasicBlockGraph, BasicScopeGraph, and all statement graph elements can contain optional Properties elements encapsulated in a property tree named after the corresponding graph. These graphs may also include a SymbolTable element (described in more detail later) for storing descriptive information about variable, constant, and subroutine symbols used within each scope.

Each CallGraph vertex contains a ControlFlowGraph element, whose vertices and edges represent the control flow of the program. A ControlFlowVertex can contain a BasicBlockGraph, a ForLoopGraph, an IfConditionGraph, or, in general, any statement that affects the flow of control in the computation.

Each ControlFlowVertex can contain either a BasicBlockGraph or a graph corresponding to a compound statement (e.g., a ForLoop-Graph). The portions of the code that are actually augmented with derivative computations are con-

tained within BasicBlockGraphs, which correspond to basic blocks in the code. A vertex of a BasicBlockGraph can be a BasicScope-Graph (used to represent scoping within a basic block), a SubroutineCallGraph, or an AssignmentStatementGraph.

Only the assignment statements containing active variables (or loop indices) are included in the XAIF as AssignmentStatementGraphs. The left-hand side of an assignment vertex is limited to a VariableReferenceVertex, while the right-hand side can be a ConstantVertex, a VariableReferenceVertex, or an ExpressionGraph. The representation of expressions in the ExpressionGraph is straightforward, including both Boolean and arithmetic operators. We used a substitution group for the different kinds of expression graph vertices, i.e., each of the members of the group can be a child of the ExpressionGraph element.

Transformation tools operate at different granularities of the graph hierarchy. For example, a forward-mode module using statement-level reverse mode needs access only to the XAIF for assignment statements. Other modules may implement strategies that require basic block-level XAIF, while some reverse-mode tools may need access to control flow or call graph information. The XAIF is flexible enough to allow the independent processing of different levels of the graph hierarchy.

All variable and constant reference vertices contain a required symbolId attribute and an optional symbolTableId attribute. The unique combination of these identifiers can be used to access information about the variable or constant in the corresponding symbol table. As mentioned earlier, the SymbolTable element can be included at many different levels, allowing for flexibility when generating XAIF for processing at different levels. For example, an existing first-order differentiation module operates only at the assignment statement level and requires symbol information for the symbols in each statement.

In the XAIF, a symbol table can be attached to each assignment statement. On the other hand, if a module operates on the basic block level, such replication of symbol information can be avoided by including a single symbol table for each basic block. Entries in the symbol (Symbol elements) contain several fields, such as the type and shape of a variable. The information stored for each symbol can easily be extended with new fields.

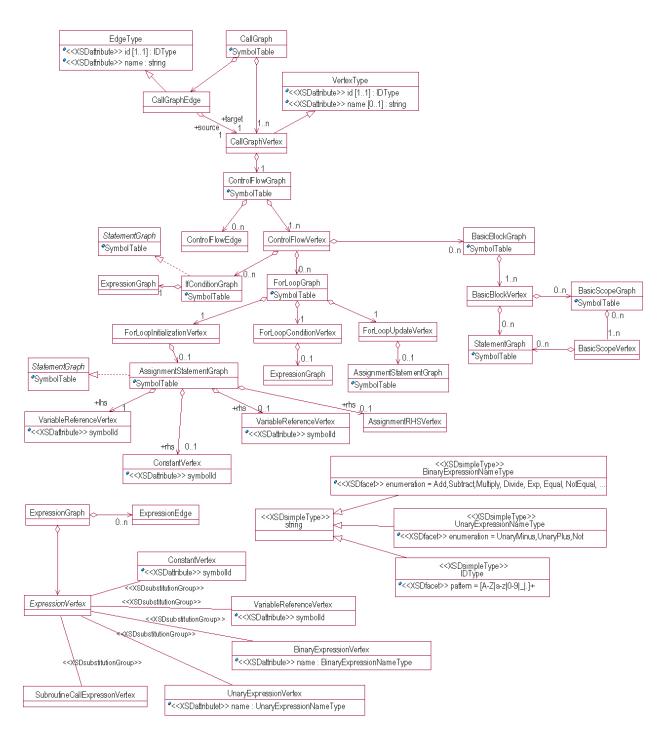


Figure 1. XAIF Schema Model

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